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"Well, we're here now where is the rest of the gang?" Jeff frowned.

"They might be running a little late. It seems that Keith's little shadow took Black Lion and then deep sixed it in the lake." Mark smirked.

"Wonderful." Jeff rolled his eyes in frustration, "Are they on their way now?"

"Yes, they should be here in a little less than an hour." Mark answered. "It amazes me that Keith can save entire galaxies, but when it comes to keeping one little girl in line he waves the white flag." Mark chuckled.

"You had better not let Keith hear you say that." Jeff warned his friend.

"What could he possibly do to me Jeff? He has a broken hand and a broken foot." Mark grinned.

"I seem to recall him beating you blindfolded and with one arm tied behind his back." Lisa remarked dryly, causing Mark's face to turn bright red.

"Shut up Lisa!" Mark snarled.

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"Sir, we show two large blips on the screen." One of Rand's men informed him.

"Well? Who are they?"

"Voltron's one and two."

"Don't bother me again until the lions show up!" Rand barked at the poor man.

"That does it you have officially gone psycho." Devon muttered under his breath.

"Did I ask you to speak!" Rand roared at Devon.

"That is Voltron one and two up there and you are just going to ignore them!" Devon snarled back.

"Look you mindless idiot! I chose this planet for a very good reason! It is literally teaming with life! Which makes it nearly impossible for anyone to pin point our location!" Rand snarled down at him.

"Your vengeance is going to end up killing us all!" Devon snarled and left the room.

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Keith lie still so that Aurora can heal you." Allura glared down at her husband.

"That is unless you want to be in those two casts for the next month or so." Rora frowned at him.

"I can't lie still when Lance is leading the team and I am stuck here in the castle!" He growled in frustration glaring at his very amused father who had just arrived on Arus.

"So let me get this straight. Allura broke your foot and then you in turn lose your temper and break your hand by slamming it into the War Room's table." Michael shook his head in disbelief.

"It's not funny Dad! Lance is going to end up getting all three teams captured! I just know he will!" Keith snarled at his father.

"This should help you relax." Allura gave him a sedative.

"No, Ally, I can't sleep the team needs me." He mumbled groggily as the sedative took effect.

"We need you to get well again." Allura left Rora with Keith and led the General out of the room.

"Where are my grandbabies?" Michael smiled at Allura.

"Alex and Ariel are in the playroom and Andy is in bed recuperating from her battle with the lake." Allura grinned at her father-in-laws puzzled expression. "It's a very long story and I will tell you all about it after I check and see how Lance and the others are doing." Allura sighed.

"She didn't." Michael frowned.

"She did and yes he did." Allura felt a headache coming on.

"Well I'll be damned!" The General shook his head in disbelief.

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"Finally what took you guys so long!" Jeff asked.

"We had a slight delay Jeff, but now we can go rescue my wife." Lance answered back.

"Lance? Where is Keith?" Jeff growled.

"He's back at the castle healing." Lance growled.

"This is just great! Who is going to lead the mission now?" Mark growled.

"I am the leader of this mission." Lance dared them to argue with him. "We are going to split up and search the planet until one of us finds Rand's base. Anyone have any questions?"

"Yeah who made you the leader of this mission?" Mark growled.

"Keith made me the leader of this mission, now move out and report in every half hour."

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"I have to get out of here!" Cassie was pacing her room and searching for any way that she could escape.

"Dinner is served princess." A guard brought her in a tray of food.

"I'm not hungry!" She hissed at the guard and then threw her drink in his face.

"Rand's orders princess, either you eat or I feed you it myself." Saran picked up the steak knife on her plate and proceeded to cut the steak that had been prepared for her, "Having you at my mercy would be like old times."

"Who are you." Cassie glared at the guard.

"I'm hurt princess, after all I was the one that held the knife to your throat all those years ago." He grinned evilly at her.

"You should still be locked up!" Cassie eyed him in sheer terror.

"I escaped a few months ago. I owe you big for that princess." Saran embedded the knife into the wooden tray.

"Stay away from me!" She screamed throwing an empty plate at him, which shattered against the wall.

"Temper, temper princess we wouldn't want you to harm your baby now would we." He advanced on Cassie until he was only an inch away from her face.

"Get away from me!" She screamed trying to get away from him, but he grabbed her by the arm.

"No, I don't think so." He pulled her to him and kissed brutally on the mouth.

Cassie kicked him in the shin and tried to escape, "Leave me alone you monster!" She screamed

"That will cost you princess!" Saran slapped her hard across her face, causing her to fall back on the bed.

Saran was just about to carry out with his threat when Rand pulled him off of her. "What the hell is going on here Saran!" Rand roared.

"I was just having a little fun with our guest." He sneered, but then yelped in agony when Rand shoved him hard against the wall.

"Cassie is not to be anyone's toy except mine! The punishment for disobeying me is death!" Rand pulled out his sword and proceeded to slice off vital part of Saran, before finishing with a final blow to his head.

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\*Tell me that this is all some horrible dream\* she watched in horror as Saran's punishment was carried out right before her very eyes. She did however manage to grab the knife that was still embedded in the tray, and hid it away in one of her pockets. "How could you do that to him! What kind of monster are you!" She screamed hysterically at Rand.

"Cassandra, calm down, I am sorry about this incident." He was completely calm and spoke to her as if he were speaking to a small child. "Are you in pain?" He frowned at the way she was holding her middle and took a few steps towards her.

"Just leave me alone!" She screamed at him in sheer terror, but he ignored her completely and swept her trembling body up into his arms.

"It's okay nothing is going to happen to you." He carried her out of the room.

"Let me go! I want my husband! I want to go home!" She wailed

pounding her fists against his chest, but Rand just ignored her.

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"I hate to do this to ya Lance, but we have a situation developing on earth and they need us back there ASAP." Jeff growled.

"That's okay Jeff, Pidge has a visual on Rand's base so we can take it from here. Thanks for the assistance." Lance didn't think that he needed their help to begin with so he was glad that they were being called away.

"Roger that Lance and good hunting." Mark and Jeff's teams headed back towards Earth.

"Did you really have to lie like that Jeff?" Mark frowned at his image on the screen.

"This is going to teach him a lesson." Jeff growled.

"But Keith isn't going to like that we just left them like this." Ginger glared at them.

"Look on the bright side, maybe he won't get his entire team captured." Lisa tried to be optimistic.

"That's a nice thought Lisa, but I wouldn't count on it." Jeff frowned.

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{Hours later}

"Keith, wake up darling." Allura gently shook his shoulder.

"Hmm." He yawned and reached up to pull her down next to him.

"You have to wake up, Lance got the entire team captured." Allura hisses into his ear.

"That's nice sweetheart." Keith pulled her to him for a kiss.

"I'm serious! Lance got the whole team captured!"

"Yep that sounds like Lance." Keith was still half-asleep.

"Myria went with them on the mission."

"What else?" Keith was now starting to wake up.

"Well, we also know that Saran and Shaitan escaped from prison a few days ago." Allura watched as Keith sat straight up in bed and began to rake his fingers through his hair in frustration.

"What happened to my cast?" Keith eyed his newly healed arm.

"Rora healed you."

"Good because you and I have work to do." He threw her over his

shoulder and headed for the shower.

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(A half-hour later Keith and Allura are dressed for battle in black guards uniform.)

"I don't like this any more than you do Koran, but I really do need Allura with me. Seeing as Sheena got captured with the rest of the team." He growled at Koran and looked at his wife who was wearing padding under the guards uniform in order to disguise her curves.

"This just isn't going to work. Allura is a princess, I mean queen and tends to glide when she walks, besides all the padding in the world won't disguise her figure." Koran critiqued Allura's disguise.

"I am not going to stand here while the two of you discuss my body! I happen to have feelings you know!" Allura stomped off in a huff.

"You were saying Koran." Keith grinned at him.

"This just might work after all." Koran mused.

Keith walked over to where Allura was pouting, "Come on darling we have a team to go rescue." He winked at her and patted her playfully on her rear.

"Hey! I am not that kind of guy! So hands to yourself." Allura snarled at him in a deep voice and headed for the ship.

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Pidge, Hunk, Myria, Sheena, and Lance were all brought before Rand. Their arms had bonds on them to prevent them from escaping.

"Ah Lance, the father to be, would you like to see your wife." Rand grabbed Lance by his throat and lifted him off the ground.

"What have you done to my wife!" Lance snarled hoarsely.

"Nothing she is perfectly fine, I only used her as bait to lure in all of you." Rand sent him flying against the wall.

Shaitan was also standing in the room and eyed the young redhead beauty that was standing next to Pidge. "And whom do we have here I wonder." He walked over to Myria.

"Leave her alone you creep!" Pidge tried to get free from his binds when he saw that Shaitan was moving towards Myr.

"Speak when spoken to!" Shaitan punched Pidge in the stomach.

"Leave him alone you monster!" She screamed at him as she glared up at into his eyes. "It's you!" She knew who was standing in front of her and felt fear run up her spine.

Shaitan ran a finger down her cheek and grinned evilly down at her, "So you do remember me."

"Get your hands off her Shaitan!" Sheena snarled and was given a taste of what the collar around her throat could do.

"RAND, YOU BASTARD! LEAVE HER ALONE!" Hunk roared breaking the binds on his wrists, after seeing that she had passed out due to lack of oxygen he tore the collar off of Sheena's throat and then proceeded to give her air by kissing her blowing air into her lungs.

"How touching but futile, guards shoot him." Rand sneered.

"HUNK!" Sheena regained consciousness in time to see Hunk fall to the floor. "What did you do to him!" She screamed at Rand.

Rand stalked up to her and grabbed hold of a fistful of her hair. "He's sleeping." Rand snarled down at her furious face and then proceeded to kiss her. "Bring back any memories, Red?"

"None that I wish to remember you traitor!" She hissed at him and he punished her by kissing her brutally on the mouth.

"What's going on?" Lance took in what was happening between Rand and Sheena.

"Looks to me like she's been holding out on us." Pidge snarled.

"Shall we try that little one." Shaitan growled at Myria.

"No, thank you, I have already had one nightmare today and I don't need another one." She spat at him.

Shaitan pulled her forcefully into his arms and kissed her.

"GET YOUR LIPS OFF MY MYRIA!" Pidge fought to break free of his binds.

"Let me go you creep!" Myria kneed him and then proceeded to slam her fist across his jaw sending him sprawling backwards in agony.

"Way to go Myria!" Pidge shouted.

"Rand, darling let me show you just how much I'm remembering about us." Sheena purred into his ear.

"I knew that you couldn't resist what we once shared." Rand was very pleased with himself.

"Believe me Rand you'll love this." She kissed him back until she knew that he was vulnerable and then brought her knee up into his groin.

Rand gritted his teeth in pain, "Lock them up! Place Lance with Cassie and leave Sheena in my quarters!" He shot Sheena with a tranquilizer dart.

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Keith and the rest of his team were now outside Rand's base and were about to sneak into the base.

"Okay people we move during the changing of the guard." Keith grinned at his wife pulling her to him for a quick kiss.

"Sir! Do you mind! I am not that kind of man!" She snarled at him, but then reached over and goosed him.

"Sorry I just couldn't help myself." Keith winked at her and then got down to the business at hand." Liam and Remi just took care of the guards so let move out!" Keith ordered his men and they all entered the base without being seen.

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"Lance! What is taking you so long!" She whimpered into her pillow.

Lance was thrown into the room and the first thing that he saw was his wife curled up in a ball on a bed in tears. "Cassie! Are you in pain? Did he hurt you?"

"Lance!" She flew into his arms. "Why are you in binds?"

"We sort of got captured." Lance grinned sheepishly, "I wish that I could hold you."

"Who says that you can't." She pulled out her knife and freed him of his binds.

"I've been so worried about you." Lance was about to give her a long kiss, but then he spotted her bruised jaw. "WHO DID THIS TO YOU!" Lance roared in fury.

"Saran did this to me! He was going to rape me, but then Rand stopped him and killed him right in front of my eyes! It was horrible and there was so much blood." Cassie was near hysterical again.

"That's it angel we are out of here." Lance growled.

"Oh! NO! My water just broke! The baby is coming!" She screamed in terror.

"Not now Cassie! Tell the baby to wait!" Lance tried not to panic.

"It doesn't work that way genius!" Cassie hissed at him.

"Are you having in contractions yet?"

"No; and I am not going to have this baby here! So get me out of here!" She ordered her husband.

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"This place is to huge, we're going to have to split up, I'll find Cassie while you go find the others." Allura whispered into his ear.

"No way, Allura, you are not going to leave my side!" He turned to glare at her, but she was already gone.

"Women." Liam shrugged and continued his search.

"Liam, you go search for the others, I am going to go find my baby sister." Keith went in search of Myria.

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Shaitan shoved Myria into his room. "No one does that to me and lives!" He snarled throwing Myria onto his bed.

Myria was not about to let him touch her and rolled off the bed. "Stay away from me!" She screamed.

"Why fight it Myria the fun is only beginning." He grabbed hold of her hair and dragged her back towards his bed.

"Let me go!" She tried to kick him but he avoided completely.

"Feisty aren't you little one." Shaitan had her pinned beneath him on the bed.

"Keith!" Myria was never so glad to see her brother.

"Nice try Myria, but a little late." He was about to carry out with the attack, but was grabbed by the neck and then thrown across the room.

"Next time listen." Keith knocked him senseless with a kick to the face followed by a few well-deserved bone-shattering punches to his body.

"Keith, he was going to hurt me again." She whimpered.

"I'll kill you if you ever come near my sister again!" Keith stopped punching Shaitan and went to hold his sister.

"Can we please go now!" Myria whimpered.

"Yes, baby sister, let's get you back home." Keith picked her up and then vanished from the room.

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"Cassie are you two alright?" Allura entered the room where Lance and Cassie were being held.

"Allura?" Cassie whimpered.

"Thank god you guys finally got here! Cassie is in labor." Lance sighed in relief.

"Well now the shoes is on the other foot isn't it." Allura grinned at Cassie.

"Very funny Ally!" Cassie huffed.

"Sorry." Allura knelt beside her friend, "How far apart are her contractions?"

"A safe distance, this is her first one." Lance tried to stay calm.

"Keith this is Ally."

"Are you in trouble!" Keith growled back over her Mic.

"No, I'm fine dear, but Cassie is in the first stages of labor."

"What!" He hissed back.

"In labor as in going to have the baby."

"Allura, you have to get her out of here. You and Lance meet up with Liam and the rest of the team. I have to go get Sheena."

"Be careful Keith, just get Shea and then leave. I don't want you sparing with Rand! Do I make myself clear." She hissed into her Mic.

"Yes love, I'll see you back home as soon as I get Sheena." Keith knew when not to argue with his wife.

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Keith entered where they were keeping Sheena, "Rand I'm here." He had discarded the black guards uniform and was dressed a ceremonial uniform of Sheena's clan. "I'm alone." He growled unaware that his men had returned.

"Well, even the mighty leader of Voltron can lie." Rand growled.

"I did not lie and I am alone." Keith snapped turning around to see his men. "Guys go home your embarrassing me." He snarled then groaned in frustration when they refused to leave. "Look you failed when I was ten and the shuttle exploded! Now leave me alone!" He snarled.

"We will not repeat that mistake." Liam and his men stood their ground beside their leader, the easily out numbered Rand's men.

"Are you out of your mind! Oran has us surrounded this is not the time nor the place!" Devon ran up to him only to be knocked out cold by one blow to his face.

"You seem to have outwitted me at every turn, but vengeance will be mine. We shall see if you've earned the right to wear the old masters symbol as the true leader or if you fall as he fell at my feet all those years ago." Rand challenged Keith by throwing his sword into the center of the arena.

"You are the traitor! You killed Master Lee!" Keith snarled.

"Did she also mention that she and I used to be lovers." He eyed Sheena who was now free and standing beside Keith.

"Everyone makes mistakes and she paid for that misjudgment with her father's life." Keith turned to look at Sheena.

"Keith, we have business elsewhere, let us leave this trash to your father." Sheena reminded him that Allura was waiting.

Keith threw his sword next to Rand's "Leave us."

"Keith, don't do this. Father would not have approved." Sheena tried to reach him.

"Do as I say." Keith snarled.

"I forbid you to do this my student. This is not what I taught you." Sheena's father appeared in front of him.

"He has gone to far and hurt my family for the last time." Keith glared at his old master.

"He is not worth the energy to spit on, my son. If you have any honor for me you will not fight Rand." Master Shay Lee commanded his student.

"I am sorry master, but he has taken so much from me." Keith frowned.

"Yes, but you have been given so much more." Shay smiled at him.

"I will honor you master and our clan." Keith bowed to the spirit

"I am proud to call you my son." Shey's spirit vanished before his eyes.

"I will hunt you down Keith! No one in your family will be safe from me!" Rand shouted at him.

"I will not fight you." Keith retrieved his sword and went to leave the arena.

"I will make you fight me!" He snarled throwing a star at Keith's back, only to have him deflect it with his sword.

Keith continued to walk until Rand blocked his path. "Move." He ordered, but Rand drew his weapon Rand advanced on Keith, who easily deflected the attack and then pushed him out of his way.

"I will even kill your first born son!" Rand snarled causing Keith to turn around and face him.

"No one threatens my kids Rand!" Keith pulled his sword from its sheath.

"Then fight me to the death." Rand challenged.

"No Rand we'll fight to the pain. This fight will end when you beg me for mercy." Keith snarled at him.

"I never beg!"

"Oh you will Rand, I promise you that you will." Keith deflected Rand's first attack and had him disarmed in minutes.

"Luck." Rand touched the long cut on his cheek.

"Skill Rand." Keith wasn't even getting warmed up yet and continued to block every one of Rand's moves.

"Fight!" He roared and continued to attack him.

"No, this is actually fun." Keith laughed at him when he tried to throw blinding dust in his face; "Shame on you Rand I don't like having the same trick pulled on me twice."

Rand did not remember Keith being this skilled and was beginning "You should know by now that I never fight fair."

"Are you ready for me to show you what to the pain means." Keith grabbed Rand by the hand and applied pressure until he cried out in pain, "Give up?"

"Never." Rand snarled.

"If I kill you, like you want me to then that would make me just as bad as you are. On the other hand if I handicap you then I rid myself of the threat to my family. So I'm offering you a choice your sight or your ability to walk." Keith snarled down at him.

"You're bluffing."

"I never bluff, now choose how you'd like to spend the rest of your life in prison blind or in a wheel chair?" Keith was deadly serious.

"I pass."

"Choose your handicap Rand."

"Your insane Keith! You're too much of a goody goody to do what you're threatening to do!" Rand snarled.

"Try me Rand. I'm far beyond the bluffing stage." Keith grinned as he lifted two stars out from his belt and began tossing them in the air.

"This is a trick! You couldn't possibly live with what you are about to do to me!"

"I call it keeping my family safe." Keith threw a star at him and it embedded itself into the side of Rand's mask.

"I choose death."

"Now, Rand, we already agreed that we were going to fight to the pain." Keith fingered another star in his hand.

Rand began to back away from Keith; "You are crazier than Lotor is!"

"No, Rand, I am completely sane and all logic tells me to remove any

threat from my family." Keith was deadly calm.

"Then you choose Keith! I dare you!"

"Fine, the choice has been made. Do you have any last requests?"

Rand refused to answer him.

"Don't say that I didn't give you a choice." Keith shot the star point blank into Rand's Kneecap And shattered it.

Rand fell to the floor in agony as the second star hit his other knee. "No please no more! You win I surrender!"

"Next time you die." Keith snarled down at him and left the arena.

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Cassie you have to concentrate on your breathing." Lance coached her as he wiped her brow with a cool cloth.

"I've got an even better idea Lance. If you ever do this to me again I am going to cut off something very dear to your lower anatomy." Cassie hissed at him.

"But then you wouldn't know the pleasure of flying to the moon again." He whispered into her ear.

"Trust me Lance, after this baby is born you are never touching me again." She screamed as pain rocked her body.

"Famous last words love, now focus on that teddy bear over there." Lance instructed his wife.

"Stuff it Lance!" She hissed at him as another contraction hit her, "The baby is coming now!"

"Doc we need you in here!" Lance shouted for the doctor.

"Cassie listen to me, you have to focus and concentrate on your breathing. I know it hurts, believe me I know that your in agony, but you can't push until the Doc says so." Allura took control of the situation.

"Yes I understand." She whimpered.

"Are we ready to become parents?" The Doc entered the room.

"Yes please say that I can push." Cassie begged.

"Okay Mom and Dad let's make you two parents. Cassie I need you to push with everything you've got until I tell you to stop, understand?"

"Yes." She nodded.

"Okay push Cassie."

Cassie pushed with all her might and to everyone's surprise the baby popped out instantly.

"Way to go Cassie!" Lance eyed their little wonder.

"Congratulations it's a boy!" Allura held the baby in her arms.

"Lance we did it!" Cassie looked down at the little life that Allura had just set in her arms. "Hello little one I'm your Mommy." She kissed her son's downy black hared head.

"Hello there little guy, I'm your daddy." He was so awed by the sight of the little person that he and Cassie had created out of their love. "Welcome to the world Matthew Alexander Anderson." Lance bent to kiss his son's downy hared head.

"Matthew huh?" Cassie grinned at him, "Well little one how do you like your new name?" She asked her son who opened his startling blue eyes and smiled at his parents.

"That's my son, one bundle of pure genius." Lance grinned.

"You've lost it Lance, all the kid did was open his eyes and gurgled at you." Pidge teased his friend as he entered the room with two wide-eyed little girls who were curious to see the new baby.

"Alex look at the new baby!" Ariel squealed in delight.

"Shh! Stupid your gonna wake him up." Alex hissed at her sister.

"It's okay girls you can see him." Cassie smiled at her nieces and Lance sat down in a chair next to the bed so that the girls could get a closer look at their cousin.

"He's so tiny." Ariel whispered as she looked down at the sleeping infant in her uncle's arms.

"Where's the missing link? Why isn't Andy with you?" Cassie frowned in confusion when various people in the room tried not to start laughing.

"She's in her room nursing a cold." Allura explained to Cass.

"How did she catch a cold?" Cass frowned.

"It's like this Aunt Cassie, Dromi took Daddy's lion and then crashed it into the lake." Ariel explained.

"Then she dove off the lion into the lake and tried to swim herself to death, just because she didn't want to face Daddy. Oh yeah Ari dove in after her and then..." Alex continued the story.

"What she means is that I had to try and stop her from swimming all the way to shore, but then Nate and Eric came to our rescue." Ariel sighed dreamily.

"Boy the things a person can miss when you're away from the castle

for a couple of days." She gave Allura a sympathetic look.

"You should have seen Andy's face when Eric rescued her and then Daddy gave him Black lion." Alex grinned.

"He gave a eleven year-old Black lion." Cassie couldn't believe what she was hearing.

"No, Cassie, he gave him permission to train for the next Voltron Force of Arus." Allura smiled.

"That's quiet an honor." Cassie winked at her nieces.

"Oh but Andy doesn't think so at all! She's so mad at Daddy that it'll take her years for her to talk to him again and to add to her misery she's stuck in bed and Eric is her warden, since the shuttle for earth couldn't leave for the academy on schedule." Alex was enjoying every second of Andy's torment.

"Poor Andy." Cassie sighed.

"Yeah and she's plotting his death as we speak." Ariel grinned.

"That is enough girls, now go to the playroom and play. I bet that Nathan will find something for you to do." Allura frowned at her children.

"Nathan is so cool!" Ariel sighed dreamily dragging her sister out of the room and right into their father's arms.

"How are my little princess's today." Keith cuddled his daughters in his arms and kissed them both on the cheek.

"Daddy you are so silly." Alex and Ariel giggled and kissed him back.

"Aunt Cassie had a baby boy!" Ariel informed him.

"And they named him Matthew Alexander and.." Alex was talking a mile a minute.

"Woe, one at a time." Keith chuckled then frowned when he noticed that Andy was not with them. "Where's your sister?"

"Sick in bed and really mad at you Daddy." Ariel warned him.

"I'll just have to see if I can fix that." Keith set them back down. "Now go on and play little munchkins."

"It's about time that you got back here. What kept you? If you say a fight with Rand I shall personally deck you!" Allura hissed at him.

"Now Ally I was only defending myself ask Sheena if you don't believe me." Keith pulled her to him for a nice long kiss.

"Hey you two! There's an innocent in the room." Lance teased his friend.

Keith eyed the little bundle that Lance was holding in his arms. "Who is this handsome young man?" Keith smiled at his little nephew.

"This is Matthew Alexander." Cassie smiled at her brother.

Keith walked over to the bed and kissed his sister on the forehead, "You did great Sis, he's perfect."

"Thanks Big brother." Cassie yawned sleepily.

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"Leave my room Eric!" Andy sniffled miserably and threw her stuffed lion at him.

"Are you crazy Dromi I love watching you glare daggers at me." Eric Grinned at her from where he was sitting.

"Do you know what you've done!" She wheezed, "You destroyed my life!" She threw a star at him that missed its target embedding itself into the wall just above his head.

"Hey kiddo! Watch it with the weapons will ya!" Eric glared at her. "You stole that lion, and almost drowned! The only thing that I did was save your pain in the neck hide!" He plucked the star from the wall and stowed it away in his pocket.

"Ah...choo! Ahâ€|choo!" Andy was so miserable that she had tears streaming down her cheeks. "You...(Sniffled)â€|Took away my dream." She wailed miserably.

"So that's what you're so angry about." Eric started to make his way to her and dodged a barrage of stuff toys. "Babydoll you did that all by yourself." He told her softly, "Now you try and sleep and I'll hold you in my arms." He had pulled her tiny from into his arms and began to rock her as if he were rocking a baby.

"I'll get him back from you." She sobbed snuggling deeper in his arms.

"You'll try but I'm better than you." He whispered in her ear.

"Dream on." She yawned sleepily and fell asleep in his arms.

"Don't worry Dromi I'll keep you safe." Eric settled back against the pillows and guarded her while she slept.

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"So are you going to level with me or am I going to have to get the truth from Sheena?" Allura followed her husband into their bedroom.

Keith set his helmet on the bed and glared at her, "Rand is still breathing, therefore I didn't fight him." He stalked off towards the shower.

"I don't care Keith! You promised me that you would get Sheena and

then come back home!" Allura stalked after him.

"Ally, why are you so angry at me? I'm here and Rand is behind bars with a permanent limp!" Keith snarled at her.

"How did he get injured if you the two of you didn't fight!" She shouted at him through closed door of the shower.

"He attacked me Allura! I defended myself and if you don't like it then that's your problem!" He shouted back.

"What you were protecting was you're over blown ego! You always have to show your enemies that you're the best and that no one beats Keith!" She opened the shower door to shout at him. "Just once I wish that you would stop and think of me and your daughters, instead of always being the ultimate hero!" She reached into the shower and turned the water setting to ice cold.

"Is that what you think of me!" Keith roared furiously as he stalked out of the shower and confronted his wife.

"What do you expect me to think Keith!? You made me a promise and then you broke it! Just for the glory of being the most feared hero in the entire galaxy!" She was so frustrated with him that angry tears streamed down her cheeks.

"Do you love me?" He glared down at her.

"Yes, I love you!" She sobbed.

"Do you trust me?" Keith was so hurt by her words that he had tears in his eyes and he could barely speak.

"With my life and the lives of our children." She whimpered.

"Then why can't you show me that you trust me anymore!" He cried hoarsely.

"I did show you that trust and you let me down by breaking your promise to me!"

"I left Allura. I walked in got Red and ignored Rand when he challenged me. I told him that I wasn't going to fight him and was on my way out of the arena, until he swore to me that he would kill our first born son." Keith growled hoarsely.

"Oh Keith.." Allura tried to go to him but he stepped away from her.

"So I decided that I was tired of going around and around with him. I told him that we would fight, not to the death, but to the pain. I never attacked him and stayed on the defensive at all times. Then when I was tired of the game we were playing I asked him what kind of life did he want to live in prison." Allura touched his arm and he actually flinched as if she had struck him.

"Keith...I'm sorry it's just that I get so frustrated when you.." She tried to apologize but he cut her off in mid apology.

"Allura, you wanted to hear the truth and I intend to tell you the

truth so be quiet and listen to me." Keith snarled at her. "I asked him if he wanted to lose his sight or his ability to walk. He of course told me that I was bluffing, but I was dead serious. You see Allura Danielle I love you and our children more than anything in this universe does and I decided to end the constant threat to your lives. He told me that he'd rather die, but then that wasn't part of the deal. I told him that he had to choose and he said for me to chose for him, so I did. I threw two stars at his knees and now he has lost the ability to walk. I didn't do that because of my ego Allura! I did that because of my love for our family. I left him there in agony and came home. Only to find that my wife has no faith in me and my daughter hates my guts." Keith stared down into her eyes.

"All of my life everyone that has ever protected me has ended up getting killed. That was until you and the Voltron Force entered my life. I had no one back then Koran was all that I had left and now I have you, our children and our friends. I am so terrified that your urge to protect all of us will get you killed and that has almost happened more than once. I couldn't go on living without you Keith and its so damn frustrating to watch you do what you love to and to have to remain here safe and sound in the castle while you go off and save the universe. Keith even when I do go with you, you never let me get near any danger, while you run right into the fire! I love you so much and if I seem to take you for granted then forgive me, but that is what I call caring for the one that I love." She looked up into his amber eyes and saw so much love in them for her.

"Allura? Why haven't you told me this before? I never knew that you felt this way." He reached out and gathered her in his arms.

"Keith, I never want to take away the one thing that you were born to do and that is to defend, protect and save the entire universe. The only reason that I'm telling you this now is because I love defending the universe with you and the rest of the team. It's when you go off on your own that I want to scream aren't you forgetting someone! You don't have to fight alone Keith, I'm here, your sisters are here, and the guys are all here to fight with you at your side. We're a team Keith, an unbeatable team with a fierce leader as our protector. So lean on us or better yet lean on me don't go off alone." She smiled up at him.

"I'll try Allura, now let's say you and I kiss and make up." He swept her up into his arms and carried her towards their bed.

"I think that I like that idea, but I just have to ask you one tiny little question." She purred into his ear.

"What's that love." He set her down on their bed.

"Why is your helmet moving towards us?" She eyed the object in question warily.

Keith's eyebrows shot up in response and he glanced over at his helmet, "I completely forgot about Bandit." He reached over and picked up his helmet.

"Bandit? Who is bandit and what does he have to do with your helmet and what's inside it?"

"This is Bandit." Keith pulled out a black and white puppy.

"He's adorable!" Allura snatched him from Keith and cuddled the ball of fur in her arms.

"Dad sent him to Andy as a sort of I'm sorry your father grounded you gift." Keith grinned.

"She'll love him!" Allura smiled at him, " Go get dressed so that we can go give it to her."

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Keith and Allura stood in the doorway of Andromeda's room and took in the sight of their baby girl sound asleep in the arms of her protector. "Look darling, our little shadow has a protector." She whispered softly.

"Oh no." Keith groaned as he looked at his child in the arms of her protector.

"Keith? What is it you act as if you're losing your daughter." Allura hissed.

"She's going to end up marrying that twelve year-old when she's older."

"You aren't feeling well are you sweetheart." Allura reached up and felt his forehead.

"My dream is coming true Allura, she stole my lion, he rescued her, I gave him permission to train for Black Lion and Cassie had a boy which they named Mathew Alexander am so doomed." He groaned.

"Calm down Keith she's seven and he's twelve don't jump to any conclusions over a perfectly innocent situation." Allura kissed him on the cheek.

"You are absolutely right love. Now do you want to scare them?" He grinned wickedly.

"Why not I have always wanted to see Andy lose her cool, after all she is the exactly like her father." Allura grinned.

Keith set Bandit down on Andy's bed, " I am trying not to think of that Allura, she'll be even harder to control in a few years."

Bandit began barking and the two kids sat straight up in bed holding on to each other in terror.

"Don't worry Dromi I'll protect you." Eric growled.

"I'll deck if you don't let go of me!" She hissed at him.

"Dream on brat, I am bigger than you." He chuckled with amusement and patted her affectionately on the head.

"Oh Yeah!" She hissed and beaded him one in the eye.

"Ow!" He yelped in pain, but found himself being attacked by Bandit.

"Oh dear Keith she really is a scrapper isn't she." Allura tried not to laugh at this entire situation.

"Yep that's my girl." Keith stated proudly.

"You win brat call him off." He was being licked to death by the puppy.

Andy reached over and picked up the puppy. "Where did you come from?" She laughed when the puppy started to lick her face.

"He sure is a nice little puppy." Eric grinned.

"Here Bandit." Keith called to the pup, but he stayed in Andy's arms.

"Daddy!" Squealed jumping off the bed with the puppy causing Eric to land on the floor.

"What's the big idea Dromi? Oh hello, I'll just be going now." He muttered totally embarrassed.

"It's okay Eric that means that she likes you." Allura smiled at the boy.

"Good Luck at the academy Eric." Keith grinned at the young man.

Eric walked over and kissed Andy on the cheek. "I'll be back brat don't get into to much trouble." He whispered.

"Drop dead." She hissed back and began sneezing nonstop again.

"So my princess has a cold." He frowned and felt her warm forehead.

"Tell your father thank you Andy." Allura smiled down at her child.

"Thank you Daddy, I love him and I'm sorry that I took your lion, but I just wanted you to see that I can be just like you." She whispered into his ear and then kissed her father on the cheek.

"Andy, I just want you to be yourself and when your older I will teach you how to fly the lions or maybe even create a new robot for you and your sisters." He tucked her back into bed.

"I love you daddy." She yawned and then fell back to sleep.

"I love you to angel." He whispered softly.

"I guess that means that we're staying up tonight." Allura sighed.

"Who wants to take first watch?" He frowned when Andy began coughing in her sleep.

"I guess you can darling, then I'll come and relieve you." She whispered as Keith crawled in next to his child and made himself comfortable.

"I'll stay with her. You watch over the other three." He whispered back and she left the room. I'll protect you baby." He smiled when bandit jumped up on the bed walked over to him and then proceeded to lie down and fall asleep on his chest. "That goes for you to bandit."

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